

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of )  
Richard HELLBERG ) Group Art Unit: Unassigned  
Application No.: Unassigned ) Examiner: Unassigned  
Filed: December 8, 2000 )  
For: A METHOD AND APPARATUS )  
FOR DIGITAL CHANNELISATION )  
AND DE-CHANNELISATION )

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Page 1, before line 2, insert the following paragraph:

--This application is a continuation of International Application No.

PCT/SE99/00971 filed on 4 June 1999, which designates the United States.--

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend Claims 4-9 and 15-22 as follows:

Claim 4, line 1, delete "Claims 1-3" and insert therefor --Claim 1--.

Claim 5, line 1, delete "Claims 3 or 4" and insert therefor --Claim 3--.

Claim 6, line 1, delete "Claims 3 or 4" and insert therefor --Claim 3--.

Claim 7, line 1, delete "Claims 3 or 4" and insert therefor --Claim 3--.

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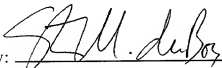
Claim 8, line 1, delete "Claims 3 or 4" and insert therefor --Claim 3--.  
Claim 9, line 1, delete "Claims 3 or 4" and insert therefor --Claim 3--.  
Claim 15, line 1, delete "Claims 12-14" and insert therefor --Claim 12--.  
Claim 16, line 1, delete "Claims 14 or 15" and insert therefor --Claim 14--.  
Claim 17, line 1, delete "Claims 14 or 15" and insert therefor --Claim 14--.  
Claim 18, line 1, delete "Claims 14 or 15" and insert therefor --Claim 14--.  
Claim 19, line 1, delete "Claims 14 or 15" and insert therefor --Claim 14--.  
Claim 20, line 1, delete "Claims 14 or 15" and insert therefor --Claim 14--.  
Claim 21, line 1, delete "Claims 14 or 15" and insert therefor --Claim 14--.  
Claim 22, line 1, delete "Claims 1-21" and insert therefor --Claim 1--.

**REMARKS**

The above amendments to the claims have been made in order to eliminate multiple dependencies. Favorable action on the merits of the application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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